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COUNTRY: Germany (Russian Zone)

SUBJECT: Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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1. About 12 jet-propelled airplanes are stationed at the Brandenburg-Briest air base. (1) Aside from these there are several planes there of German-type, like the Pw 190 and the Ju 88. Routine flying activities, at night as during the day, can be observed. (2) Four of the jet planes were observed flying in formation.
 2. The speed of the jet planes varies between 500 and 700 kilometers per hour. The last speed is absolute maximum in horizontal flight. At higher altitudes the jet planes leave a conspicuous vapor trail behind. (3) Because of extraordinarily high landing speed, the planes have larger than normal landing flaps. The planes have a tricycle landing gear and are manned by one to two persons. (4)
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- (1) [REDACTED] Comment: Source's rough drawings of the jet plane type which he observed there correspond most nearly to official illustration of the Soviet fighter, Type 15.
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- (2) [REDACTED] Comment: Presumably a regular training course for jet fighter pilots is being carried on at the field.
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- (3) [REDACTED] Comment: This may indicate multistage turbojet propulsion.
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- (4) [REDACTED] Comment: The jet planes described are probably LA - swept-back-wing craft, the "Type 15" referred to in the Field Comment. They may be MIG-15s, however, which have recently been reported at the Brandenburg-Briest airfield; [REDACTED]
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Attachment: Sketch of jet aircraft.

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